TO: John S. Casler, Esquire

## WAIVER OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS

(1)	NAME OF PLAINTIFF'S ATTOR	NEY OR UNREPRESENTED I	PLAINTIFF)	
I, Le & Pham Inc. (DEFENDANT NAME)		, ackr	, acknowledge receipt of your request	
that I waive service of summons in	the action of Elas		Le Inc., et al ,	
which is case number 04-113		in t	he United States District Court	
(DOCKET NUMBER)				
for the	District	of <u>Massachuse</u>	tts	
I have also received a copy of t return the signed waiver to you with		, two copies of this ins	trument, and a means by which I can	
I agree to save the cost of service that I (or the entity on whose behalf			aplaint in this lawsuit by not requiring the manner provided by Rule 4.	
I (or the entity on whose behalf or venue of the court except for obj			ns to the lawsuit or to the jurisdiction the service of the summons.	
I understand that a judgment m	ay be entered against me	(or the party on whose		
answer or motion under Rule 12 is	not served upon you with	in 60 days after	func 16 2004.	
or within 90 days after that date if t	he request was sent outsi	de the United States.	,	
July 16, 2004	Printed/Typed Name:	Paul L. Nevin		
	As Attorney	of	Le & Pham Inc.	
	(T	TLE)	(CORPORATE DEFENDANT)	

## **Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Costs of Service of Summons**

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain parties to cooperate in saving unnecessary costs of service of the summons and complaint. A defendant located in the United States who, after being notified of an action and asked by a plaintiff located in the United States to waive service of summons, fails to do so will be required to bear the cost of such service unless good cause be shown for its failure to sign and return the waiver.

It is not good cause for a failure to waive service that a party believes that the complaint is unfounded, or that the action has been brought in an improper place or in a court that lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the action or over its person or property. A party who waives service of the summons retains all defenses and objections (except any relating to the summons or to the service of the summons), and may later object to the jurisdiction of the court or to the place where the action has been brought.

A defendant who waives service must within the time specified on the waiver form serve on the plaintiff's attorney (or unrepresented plaintiff) a response to the complaint and must also file a signed copy of the response with the court. If the answer or motion is not served within this time, a default judgment may be taken against that defendant. By waiving service, a defendant is allowed more time to answer than if the summons had been actually served when the request for waiver of service was received.